

## Whale Class Newsletter April 2021

Hello Parents,
It's April and our special event this month is the school field trip to Flying Cow Ranch. As you know we haven't had a trip for some time so it's nice that the kids can get a day out to somewhere special. Otherwise this is a normal month and we will continue on with our normal activities.

## Core Material

This month will be split between the 2 core material books. For the first 2 weeks we will look at Watch it Grow, which is about planting seeds and growing things. We will then switch the the anthology (big book) and look at the same theme. There is a story called "The Big Yuca Plant" and an article called "how plants grow". There are lots of interesting things to discuss for this topic, like the different parts of plants.
Week 1: Vocab and phonics
Week 2: Story
Week 3: Story + Q\&A
Week 4: Anthology story.

Conversation/Grammar (Jump Book)
The Jump Book is used for conversation and grammar. So we will do the tasks in the workbook and also use it for vocabulary and sentence patterns.
This month we will look at prepositions of place, which is also the theme of "Write Now" and numbers. The prepositions of place topic is about places in the home and where we keep things.
Week 1: Where is $\mathrm{X}+$ Prepositions of place
Week 2: Where does he/she sit/sleep/etc...

Week 3: Numbers 20 to 60.
Week 4: Spelling and Grammar review

## Phonics

Phonics is very similar to last semester's work. We are using the same series of books, so the kids are familiar with the exercises we will be doing.
This month starts with a review of ow and ou words like brown and sound. It then moves onto contractions, which the kids are somewhat familiar with, particularly the word "don't". At the end of the month we will go onto abbreviations - Mr, Mrs.. etc..

Week 1: Assessment - ou+ow words
Week 2: Contractions
Week 3: Contractions
Week 4:Abbreviations

## Writing

We will complete the "Write Now" book this semester. The class are doing a good job on the book and they can now write in full sentences with only a little spelling help from me.
This month's chapter is "Treasure Hunt", which is about different shops and other locations found in cities and towns. The chapter also teaches prepositions of place like "next to" and "between".
Week 1: Vocabulary and reading comprehension
Week 2: Prepositions of place
Week 3:Make your own treasure map
Week 4: Review + make another map

## Story Books

Reading classes will remain largely unchanged. The books vary a lot in difficulty and we will continue to use the classes for Q\&A and also practice spelling some of the words from the stories.

Week 1: You Have to Break Some Eggs
Week 2: Parrots
Week 3: Critters in Camouflage
Week 4: Cinderella

## Math

We have a new set of MPM books, which are fairly similar to the material from the last semester. This month we have pattern recognition, addition and set theory - which is grouping items based on similarities. E.G. All red items together, all candies together.
Week 1:Patterns - colors, shapes and numbers

Week 2: Addition
Week 3: Set theory
Week 4: Set theory

## Physical Education

I plan and implement activities for the classes each week. The students have a good mix of different games to play during PE classes, the students will have lots of fun. For PE I like to give the students obstacle courses and relay races and other activities that are fairly easy to understand.

Week 1: Cross the Islands
Week 2: Hula-hoop Race
Week 3: Tricycle Race
Week 4: Obstacle Course

Thematic Activity
April's thematic will be about international cultures.

## Song and Dance

The school day starts with song and dance. The children get the chance to move around and have some fun before we start our first class. I also like to have them practice between classes or at the end of the day sometimes so that the students have the opportunity to move around and have some fun rather than sit for extended periods of time.
Week 1: Forever Young
Week 2: Forever Young
Week 3: Forever Young
Week 4: Forever Young

See you next time!
Teacher Kevin


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親愛的家長您好，
現在是四月，本月的特別活動是到飛牛牧場的戶外教學。如您所知，我們已經有一段時間没有旅行了，所以很高興孩子們可以在特殊的地方度過一天。否則，這是正常的月份，我們將繼績進行正常的活動。

## Core Material主教材：

這個月份將分為兩本核心教材。在最初的兩個星期中，我們將關注＂觀看它成長＂，這是關於種植種子和種植東西的。然後，我們將切換選集（大書），並討論相同的主題。有一個叫做＂大尤卡植物＂的故事，還有一個叫做＂植物如何生長＂的文章。關於該主題，有很多有趣的事情要討論，例如植物的不同部分。
第一週：單字與分音

## 第二週：故事

第三週：故事＋問答
第四周：文集故事。

Conversation／Grammar（Jump Book）對話／文法
跳書用於對話和語法。因此，我們將在工作簿中完成任務，並將其用於詞巢和句子模式。
本月，我們將討論位置介詞，這也是＂立即編寫＂和數字的主題。位置主題的介詞是關於家庭中的位置以及我們存放東西的位置。
第一週：X 在哪裡 + 介詞在哪裡
第二週：他／她在哪裡坐／睡覺／等．．．
第三週：數字20至60。
第四週：拼寫和語法複習

Phonics發音
拼音與上學期的作品非常相似。我們使用的是同一系列的書，因此孩子們會熟悉我們將要做的練習。本月首先回顧ow和ou詞，例如棕色和聲音。然後，對旅縮寫的部分，孩子們對此有些熟悉，尤其是＂不要＂一詞。在本月底，我們將使用縮寫詞－Mr．Mrs．．．等。
第一週：判斷－ou＋ow詞
第二週：縮寫
第三週：縮寫
第四週：縮寫

Writing寫作
我們將在本學期完成＂立即寫＂這本書。全班學生在這本書上都做得很好，現在只要我一點點拼寫幫助，他們就可以用完整的句子寫東西。
本月的章節是＂尋寶＂，涉及城鎮中不同的商店和其他地點。本章還講授位置介詞，例如＂在．．．旁邊＂和 ＂在．．．之間＂。
第一週：詞隺和閱讀理解
第二週：地點介詞
第三週：製作自己的藏寶圖
第四週：評論＋製作另一張地圖

Story Books 故事小書
閱讀課將基本保持不變。這些書的難度差異很大，我們將繼續使用課程進行問答，並練習拼寫故事中的某些單詞。
第一週：你必須打破一些雞蛋
第二週：䀝禡
第三週：迷彩小動物
第四週：庣姑娘

Math 數學邏輯
我們有一套新的MPM書籍，與上學期的材料非常相似。本月，我們將進行模式識別，加法和設置理論－根據相似度對項目進行分組。例如。所有紅色的物品在一起，所有的糖果在一起。
第一週：圖案－頼色，形狀和數字
第二週：加法
第三週：集合論
第四週：集合論

Physical Education體能活動

每個禮拜我設計了一些活動可以實行，孩子們能夠將許多不一樣的遊戲搭配在一起，孩子們將會覺得很有趣。我也喜歡提供孩子們一些障礙超越訓練遊戲的接力賽，以及其他一些簡單讓孩子們可以理解去玩的遊戲。
第一週：椖接棒
第二週：呼拉圈競賽
第三週：三輪車比賽
第四週：障礙賽

Thematic Activity 主題活動
4月的主題活動將會是國際文化月。

Song and Dance唱歌跳舞：
在校園課程活動的每一天，我們都會運用歌曲律動來開始展開。孩子們在進行第一堂課程活動之前能夠有動動身體並享受於歌曲其中的機會，除此之外，在課程的轉銜時間或是每天將結束課程活動之時，我也喜歡讓孩子們能夠有唱歌跳舞的娛樂時間勝過於只是坐著等待課程的轉換。
第一週：Forever Young
第二週：Forever Young
第三週：Forever Young
第四週：Forever Young

我們下次見！
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